



Seattle Light Rail Review Panel

Comments on...

Beacon Hill Station

Scope Briefing

The Panel was briefed on May 12, 1999 but made no formal recommendations; comments focused on the location and mass/scale of headhouses.

Summary of Issues raised in the LRRP Scope Briefing Progress Report (July 1999):

- Addressing the mass and scale of the headhouses in a way that is sympathetic with the scale of the neighborhood.
- Passenger safety/security issues with a deep tunnel station.
- Minimizing impacts to the business district during construction, while still offering opportunities for new development in conjunction with station development; e.g. new library.
- Cultural connection to El Centro de la Raza.
- Suggestion to submerge some of the mechanical elements or incorporate them into new development to reduce height, bulk, and scale to a size compatible with existing development.

Concept Design

The Panel was briefed on September 8 1999 and made the following comments:

- General support for the idea of a "viewing tower" as long as it can be a usable space; if not, it may be better not to pursue the idea. Scale and fit with the neighborhood will be critical.
- Appreciate that the design tries to incorporate art in as many places as possible, even into the elevators.
- Issue of joint development is interesting at this site--talk to marketing consultants to determine where commercial space should be and where public space should be.
- Making a meaningful transition back to the single family neighborhood will be critical; also greening of Lander street.

Summary of Issues raised in the LRRP Concept Design Progress Report (December 1999):

- Rather than importing an identity or design theme from outside, look to the existing cultural identity of the community for design cues.
- Co-locate with the library if possible; but if not, recognize that both the library and Link station will dominate the area and carefully design the station headhouse and entrance to work with the library to create urban spaces that support the community's desire for a town center.

- Only pursue the viewing tower concept if it can be secured— indefensible space will not be safe and/or will end up closed to the public and defeating the intent of the design.

Schematic Design

No briefing scheduled yet.

Design Development

No briefings scheduled yet.

Construction Documents

No briefings scheduled yet.